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REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 requiring election of one of two different groups of claims. Applicants elect without traverse Examiner's Group I, consisting of claims 1-18, for prosecution in the present application. This election does not indicate agreement with the Examiner's conclusion that the claims of Groups I and II are distinct, each from the other. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims 19-24, as well as any other claims supported by the specification, in one or more subsequent patent applications.

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